

Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf
English Language Competence Test

The language competence test examines your use of English for academic purposes. It will establish whether your current language ability is sufficient for you to succeed in classes at an English language medium university.

The test consists of two parts:

Part 1: Speaking Test

This part of the test takes approx. 10 minutes and includes the following:

- General 'warm-up' questions on familiar topics
- One minute talk on a topic provided (one minute preparation time)
- Follow-up questions and discussion of the topic with the examiner

In this part of the test, you should aim to demonstrate:

- Strong **fluency** and effective use of strategies to deal with comprehension difficulties
- Clear **pronunciation** of sounds and use of prosody (intonation, stress patterns)
- Accuracy and range of **vocabulary, grammar and sentence structures**
- **Non-verbal communication** and engagement

Part 2: Listening, Reading & Writing Test

This part of the test takes approx. 30 minutes and requires the following:

- Read a short text on an academic topic from a range of possible disciplines
- Listen to an excerpt of a lecture on a related topic
- Write a summary of approx. 200 words indicating the relationship between the two texts

In this part of the test, you should aim to demonstrate:

- Understanding of the **content** of the reading and listening texts
- Effective written text **organization and cohesion**
- Accuracy and range of **vocabulary, grammar and sentence structures**
- **Register** appropriate to an academic context

The test is assessed on a pass/fail basis. Candidates with a passing grade are eligible for consideration by the exchange selection committee.

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